

- Note that the <titleproper> element represents a title for the *finding aid* rather than the *collection* proper.
  - The title prefix used in <eadheader> <titlestmt><titleproper> should be identical to the one used later in the <frontmatter> <titlepage><titleproper>.
- A bulk date may also be included in the <titleproper> in addition to the inclusive dates. This should be placed in a separate <date> tag.

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<!-- OPTIONAL: Sponsor statement -- >
<sponsor>[sponsor statement]</sponsor>
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## Discussion

- Use the sponsor tag to acknowledge support from granting agencies. A matching <sponsor> tag should appear in the <frontmatter><titlepage> or in the <archdesc><processinfo> element. This sponsor statement can be as long as needed but is limited to one paragraph. Formatting in the <eadheader> section is not necessary because it is internal information.
- Note that NC ECHO has specific requirements for finding aids created or encoded in NC ECHO grant-funded projects. A sponsor statement should be included in both the <eadheader> and *either* the <frontmatter> or the <archdesc><processinfo> sponsor statement options. The statement is as follows:

Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), with support provided through North Carolina ECHO.

It is preferred although not required to include an external link to the NC ECHO website.

## Encoding Sample

<eadheader>

<sponsor> Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), with support provided through North Carolina ECHO.</sponsor>

## And choose between

<frontmatter> in <titlepage>

<sponsor> Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), with support provided through <extref linktype="simple" show="new" href="http://www.ncecho.org/" title="http://www.ncecho.org">North Carolina ECHO</extref></sponsor>